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**ENFORCED DISAPPEARANCES
OF ACTIVE CITIZENS IN UKRAINE SINCE
THE BEGINNING OF THE FULL-SCALE
INVASION OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

1. General Statistics

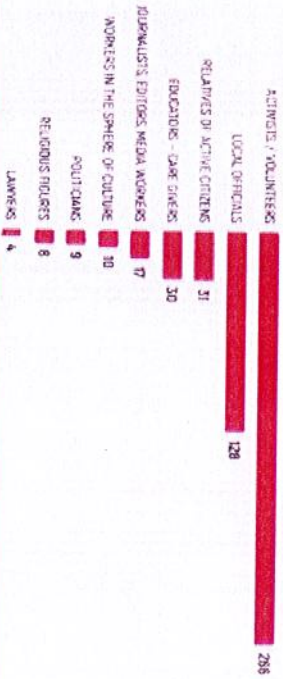
The occupiers actively use terror against the active citizens in order to intimidate and "encourage" cooperation, as well as to suppress civil resistance in the temporarily occupied territories, create the illusion that Russian law enforcement agencies have control over the situation, and conduct trials of Ukrainian civilians accused of international terrorism, sabotage, and other actions directed against the occupation authorities.

ZMINA has documented 503 cases of enforced disappearances of active citizens, including:

286 PERSONS WHO ARE MISSED OR IN PLACES OF DETENTION **201** PERSONS RELEASED **16** PERSONS KILLED

ZMINA conducted 31 in-depth interviews with citizens who have experienced enforced disappearances themselves or with family members of persons who have been abducted and held in places of detention.

BY TYPE OF ACTIVITY

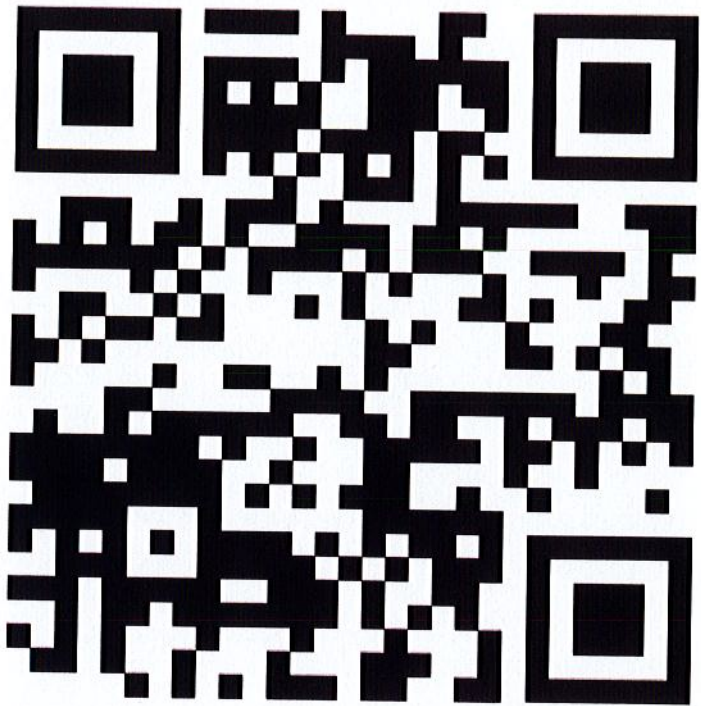


Victims are both men and women, youth, children, aged ones, and persons with chronic health troubles.

BY GENDER:

- MEN - 407 persons
- WOMEN - 95 persons
- UNKNOWN - 1 person (child of a missing couple)

The occupiers abduct active citizens in the newly occupied territories from peaceful meetings, volunteering, work, in the streets or roads, right from their homes.





REPORT ON THE CASES OF TORTURE COMMITTED DURING THE RUSSIAN ARMED AGGRESSION AGAINST UKRAINE

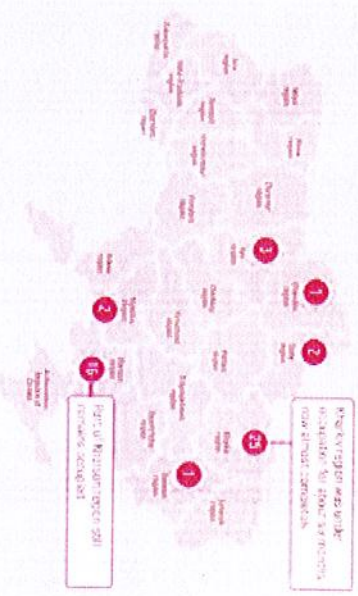
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For the Russian armed forces, ill-treatment or torture is an established and habitual instrument of warfare.

By the end of December 2022, the law enforcement bodies of Ukraine had discovered **54** places where torture was committed in the liberated territory of

5,079 proceedings were opened on the facts of torture, infliction of bodily harm or other inhumane treatment

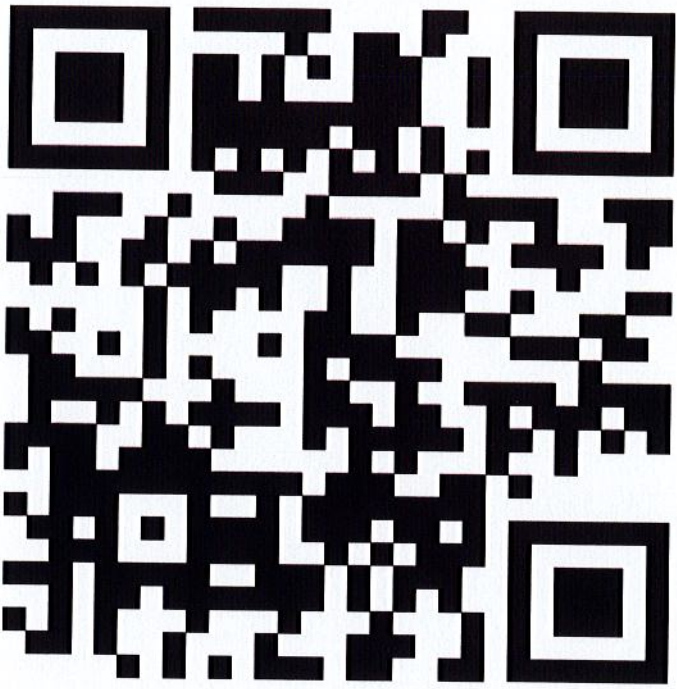
As of March 8, 2023, the Office of the Prosecutor General of Ukraine reported about 70,000 criminal proceedings for war crimes committed during the Russian armed aggression, including cases of torture. 50 torture chambers were discovered in the de-occupied territories.



The overall number of torture chambers in the territory of Kyiv region, Sumy region, and Dnipropetrovsk region can be explained by the shorter period of occupation of parts of these regions, and the significant intensity of activities.

Death camps are set up by the forces of the Russian Federation in all large population centers, major cities in places where Russian units, reconnaissance, administrative bodies (former and current) are based. At the same time, premises not suitable for long-term detention of people are used – police stations, places of temporary detention. At the same time, places of detention are often also occasionally non-residential or basement premises, which additionally negatively affects the conditions of detention. Detainees do not have the opportunity to meet their basic needs. They are not provided with proper medical care.

1 The term "torture chamber" covers spaces of long-term organized detention and torture.

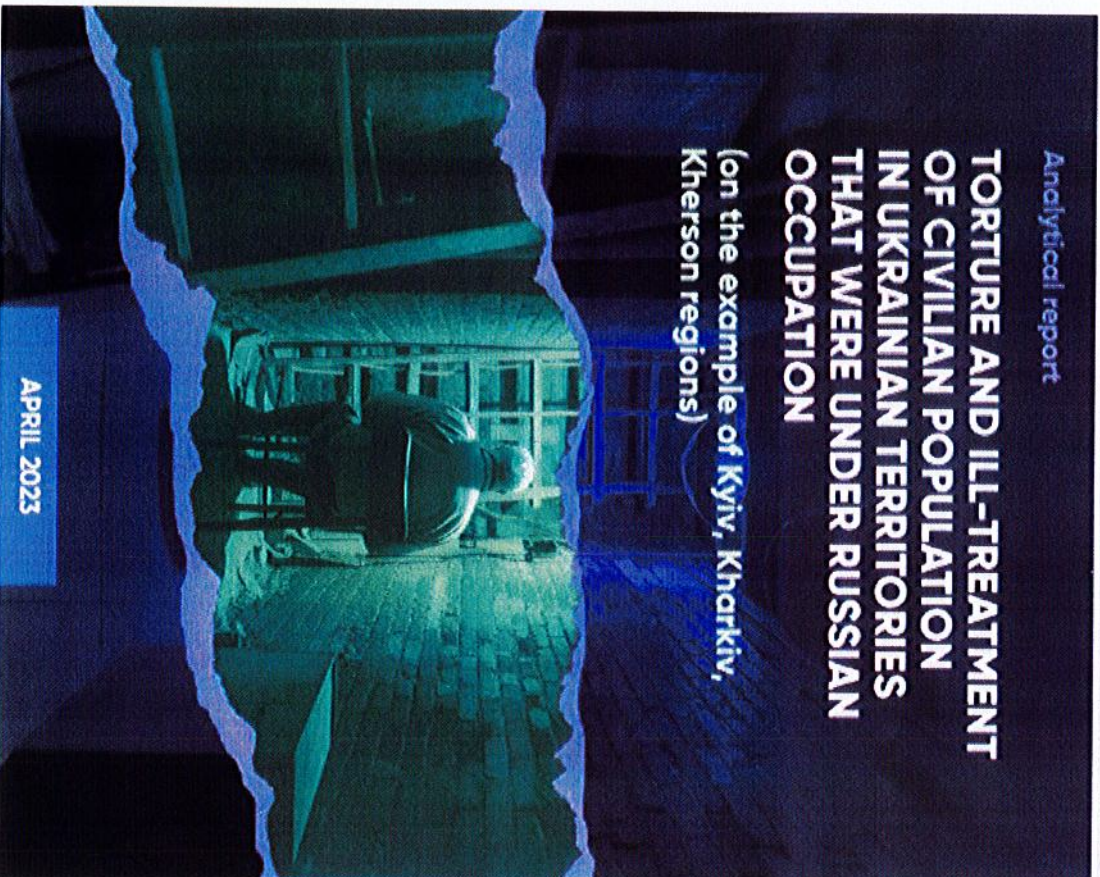




Analytical report

**TORTURE AND ILL-TREATMENT
OF CIVILIAN POPULATION
IN UKRAINIAN TERRITORIES
THAT WERE UNDER RUSSIAN
OCCUPATION**

(on the example of Kyiv, Kharkiv,
Kherson regions)



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